IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously cancelled).

Claim 2 (cancelled) .~

Claim 3 (previously cancelled).

Claims 4-27 (cancelled).

28.\ (New) A light emitting diode comprising:

a base;

a fluorescent material containing layer on top of said base;

a light emitting diode element firmly fixed on the fluorescent material containing layer, wherein an upper surface of the light emitting diode is sealed by a resin seal member; and

a dam provided on a top surface of said base and surrounding a periphery of said fluorescent material containing layer;

wherein the dam ensures that the fluorescent material containing layer is of a predetermined thickness.

29. (New) The light emitting diode according to claim 28, further comprising:

a reflecting surface formed on a bottom side of said fluorescent material containing layer.

- 30. (New) A light emitting diode comprising:
- a base;
- a fluorescent material containing layer on said base;
- a light emitting diode element firmly fixed on the fluorescent material containing layer, an upper surface of the light emitting diode being sealed by a resin seal member; and
- a resin seal member provided to lap a surface side of the light emitting diode element;

wherein said fluorescent material containing layer is disposed on the base in a manner such that a hole is formed in a surface of an electrode which is filled with the fluorescent material containing layer; and

wherein when the fluorescent material containing layer is filled into the hole, a small level offset is formed between the base and the electrode on the inner rim of the hole and functions as a dam for ensuring that the fluorescent material is of a predetermined thickness.

31. (New) The light emitting diode according

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to claim 30, further comprising a reflecting surface formed on a top side of the electrode.